

later. As regards the question whether there is planning or not, I can assure the House that before the construction of an aerodrome is undertaken by the Ministry of Communications, certain consultations do take place about the possibilities of future development. Hon. Members themselves press considerably for the construction of aerodromes at certain places

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In the past, whenever we have asked for the opening of any particular aerodrome or runway, we have been told that there are certain criteria laid down for the opening up of a particular aerodrome. May we know what are those criteria and whether there is any criterion laying down the services to be operated or flown and passenger and freight potential?

Shri Mohiuddin: Raxaul is on the way to Nepal. It is to the north of the Ganges and in North Bihar. From various points of view, it is expected that this service which lies on the route to Nepal will be useful in the near future.

Mr Speaker: Next question.

Shri Jaipal Singh: May I just ask a question?

Mr Speaker: All hon. Members have asked the same question, same answer.

Shri Jaipal Singh: This is something different. In the consultations that the Minister has indicated, may I know whether Air Headquarters were ever consulted in this regard?

Mr Speaker: How that would come have Air Headquarters been consulted?

Shri Mohiuddin: I have no knowledge about it.

World Agriculture Fair in Delhi

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Shri A. K. Gopalan:
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Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to hold a World Agriculture Fair in New Delhi in December this year, and

(b) if so, the steps so far taken in this regard?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes

(b) The World Agriculture Fair is being organised by the Bharat Krishak Samaj (Farmers' Forum), India, which is a non-official organisation. All arrangements in connection with the organisation of the fair are being made by the Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Shri Nanjappa: May I know the names of the countries which are going to take part in the proposed fair?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is expected that nearly two to three dozen countries at least will take part.

Shri Thirumala Rao: What is the role of the Government of India in organising this exhibition? Is it going to make any financial contribution and if so, what amount?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: According to the estimates prepared by the Fair Committee, it was estimated that the fair may cause a deficit of Rs 7½ lakhs. An application was made to the Government of India to contribute Rs 5 lakhs. They have so far given a grant of Rs 2 lakhs and subject to submission of further estimates of the position, they might give Rs 3 lakhs more.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Have the Government considered the question of organising the fair under their own auspices so that it may be more successful in the Governments of other countries co-operating in the fair?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There will be no difference, so far as co-operation is concerned. In fact, the Government itself came to the decision that it would be more elastic if the fair is held under the auspices of a private

organisation than the Government itself. But, the Government are fully collaborating with the Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Shri Nanjappa: May I know how the States are going to take part in this fair?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Most of the States have decided to come in a very large measure and they have already reserved large areas to construct their independent pavilions.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether the latest developments in agricultural techniques will be exhibited in this fair and whether the Government are going to provide facilities to various sections of farmers all over the country to attend this fair?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is proposed to make every effort to show this agricultural fair to the utmost possible number of farmers in India. Certain arrangements are already being undertaken. So far as techniques are concerned, this is one of the principal aims of the exhibition and fair, that the latest methods not only in India, but in other countries, and the progress made not only in agriculture, but in co-operation, forestry, fisheries, poultry, all these things should be exhibited.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: May I know who are the President of the Bharat Krishak Samaj and the Secretary and why the Government did not think themselves to run this fair but allowed this private organisation to run it compensating the loss which may be incurred?

Mr. Speaker: The latter part was answered.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am myself the president.

Mr. Speaker: It has solved the problem.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether any railway travel concession will

be extended to the farmers who will be attending this fair?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We are moving the Railway Ministry with this end in view.

Shri Panigrahi: When the entire organisation is being financed and sponsored by the Government of India, why is it called a non-official organisation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is not fully financed by the Government of India. Only to the extent of Rs 5 lakhs, the Government of India is prepared to take the responsibility. So far as the remaining finances are concerned, it is the organisation which will have to bear the brunt.

Shri Shivananjappa: May I know how long this exhibition is likely to last?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It will start on the 11th of December and it is likely to continue till 14-2-1960.

Dr. M. S. Aney: What is the total budget? I think the hon. Minister stated that it was Rs 5 lakhs plus Rs 2½ lakhs, so, it comes to Rs 7½ lakhs.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The budget is for Rs 30 lakhs. Rs 22½ lakhs are estimated as the income. There is thus a sum of Rs 7½ lakhs by way of deficit. In respect of this, an application was made to Government to contribute Rs 5 lakhs. They have so far given only Rs 2 lakhs.

Suri Venkatasubbaiah: Which are the countries that are participating in this agricultural fair?

Mr. Speaker: He said that about three dozen countries would be participating.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Most of the large countries and many of the small countries.

Shri Thirumala Rao: In the event of this organisation incurring any loss in running this exhibition or fair, may I know whether Government

have given them a promise to make good the loss?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, not beyond Rs. 5 lakhs.

Shri K. S. Ramaswamy: May I know whether Government will consider the possibility of having this fair at a more centrally situated place like Hyderabad, so that poor farmers from all parts of the country can come and see it?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That would be rather a risky thing. We have got certain facilities in Delhi which cannot be made available everywhere, and we try to take advantage of them and the grounds etc.

Vamsadhara Project

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*2003. { **Shri Tangamani:**
Shri Satyanarayana:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstrred Question No 283 on the 16th February, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the report of investigations relating to the Vamsadhara project has since been received by the Government of India; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the investigations?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir. The field unit has completed the investigations but it will take some time for the Central Water and Power Commission to finalise the report on the investigations.

(b) The results of the investigations will be known only after the report is finalised.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether these investigations have revealed the suitability of the Gudari site for the construction of the dam for the Vamsadhara project?

Shri Hathi: The investigation is not with regard to the Gotta site. It is

with regard to the other alternative site, namely the Gudari region.

Shri Tangamani: May I know when the project report will be prepared by the Central Water Power Commission in conjunction with the Andhra Pradesh Government?

Shri Hathi: The field investigations have been completed. It will take about six months or so to complete the project report.

Shri Tangamani: On the previous occasion we were told that it was not possible to say whether this work will start in 1959-60. May we know whether this work will start at least in 1960?

Shri Hathi: After the project report is ready, it will have to be sent to the Orissa Government, because originally also, there was a difference between the Orissa Government and the Andhra Pradesh Government. Then, the Orissa Government were persuaded to agree to this idea, but they have said that before a final decision is taken they would like to see the project report.

Shri Rami Reddy: Is it not a fact that the Planning Commission have advised the Chief Ministers of the Orissa and the Andhra Pradesh States to meet and settle this matter? I read so in the papeprs,

Shri Hathi: That is true. In fact, first, the Orissa Government objected. They did not want any site here to be taken for the project, because rich lands were being submerged, and the number of people that were to be displaced also was large. But, subsequently, they have now agreed, and the Orissa Government have withdrawn that objection. The only thing is that they would like to see the project report before a final decision is taken.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether this project will be a joint venture of the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa or it will